

MARKET LIVE FOR ONE HOUR

By Contrast With the Last Few Days It Was Animate.

SOON FELL FLAT AGAIN

Forecast of Week's Currency Movement Was Viewed With Very Languid Interest.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 11.—The first hour's business to-day yielded almost as large a volume of business as the whole session yesterday. This seemed almost like animation by contrast with yesterday's stagnation, but the activity promptly flattened out, and during the afternoon the market fell into a deeper silence of neglect than even yesterday's record level in that respect. Pennsylvania was still under some degree of pressure in spite of the quotation of official assertions that it was supplied with sufficient coal to carry on its projected works for a year to come.

Report of the taking of additional options for big iron by the United States Steel Corporation was well received, and was without causing a ripple in the market for the corporation stocks.

The forecast of the week's currency movement was viewed with very languid interest in view of the nil plethoric condition of the money market and the indifferent demand for funds. The small decrease in cash indicated is mostly due to the shipments of gold to South America. It is now commonly assumed that this operation is connected with the purchase of war vessels by Japan, and the outflow of gold from New York being rather more than covered by the inflow of Japanese gold to San Francisco.

Some selling of Metropolitan Street railway bonds was put in at settlement of an account, and ready preferred was unaffected by its labor trouble. The market closed easy.

Bonds were dull and irregular. Total sales, par value, \$83,000.

States bonds were unchanged on call.

Total sales were 160,000 shares.

NEW YORK, March 11.—Close Money on call, \$1,240, up two cents; closing bid, \$1,244, offered at 2. Time loans dull; sixty days 3 to 2 1/2; ninety days 3 1/4 to 3 3/4; six months 3 3/4 to 4. Prime mercantile paper 4 1/2 to 5 1/4. Sterling exchange rates: £1, \$1,457.70; £1,457.70 for 60 days; and at \$1,457.70 for forty days. Postage rates \$1.81 1/2 and \$4.87 1/2. Commercial bills \$1.81 5/8; par silver 57 1/2. Mexican dollars 45.

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., March 11, 1904.

SALES.

STATE SECURITIES. Bid. Asked.

North Carolina 4c. C. 1810...105...

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Va. 2s. New C. & R. 1901...92 1/2

Va. Centuries 2, C. and R. 1901...92 1/2

RAILROAD BONDS.

Atlanta and Char. 1st, R. 1907...407...

A. C. & St. Louis 1st, R. 1907...407...

Georgia Pacific 1st, S. C. 1922...113...

Georgia and Fla. 1st, R. 1905...113...

Houston and Mex. 1st, R. 1905...90

Western S. C. 1st, R. 1914...112...

S. A. L. Com. 1st, R. 1950...63 1/2

RAILROAD STOCKS.

Par. 100...

Atlantic Coast Line 100...100...

Atlantic Coast Line pfd. 100...100 1/2

Atlantic Coast Line com. 100...100

Norfolk and Western com. 100...100

H. P. and P. Div. Oblig. 100...200

Revere and Boston 100...175

St. Louis and San Fran. 100...100 1/2

Southern Railway pfd. 100...81

BANK AND TRUST CO. STOCKS.

Broad Street Bank 100...200

First National 100...200

Merchants National 100...200

Metropolitan Bank of Va. 100...25

National Bank of Virginia 100...125

MISCELLANEOUS.

Am. Loafing pfd. 100...52

Va. Car. Chem. pfd. 8 p. c. 100...102 1/2

Va. Carolina Chemical com. 100...53

Va. Car. Co. Com. Tr. 9 p. c. 94...942

BALTIMORE STOCK MARKET.

BALTIMORE, MD., March 11.—Seaboard Air Line common, \$1,07 1/2, do. preferred, \$94 1/2, do. nothing doing. Atlantic Coast Line common, 100...127 1/2, do. preferred—Nothing doing.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, March 11.—The cotton market opened steady and firm, but with a little fresh demand in sympathy with rather better cables than expected and which may have been attracted in some measure by the fact that spot quotations had been raised to a point above the futures. The market closed yesterday at the same level as yesterday. There was, however, heavy trading at first, and soon after the close the market eased off slightly, but as far as the local market is concerned, particularly from New Orleans. These quickly rallied prices, and there was a period of firmness that carried the action more or less to a standstill, but the market opened up again to a point above the previous day's close, the big break, and to within about 10 points of the highest level for the season. At this time May and July were both held steady and the active positions showed net gains of 14 1/2 points.

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